

Gypsy and Traveller Stratford Road Preferred Options Site Response Form 2014

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Please use this form if you wish to comment on the Stratford Road Gypsy and Traveller Preferred Options Site.

This form may be photocopied or, alternatively, extra forms can be obtained from the Council's offices or places where the consultation documents have been made available (see back page). You can also respond online using the LDF Consultation System, visit: www.warwickdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan or by letter (address on back page)

Part A - Personal Details

	1. Personal Details	2. Agent's Details (if applicable)
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Organisation (where relevant)		
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Email address		
Would you like to be made aware of future consultations on Gypsy Traveller sites?		
About You: Gender		
Ethnic Origin	[REDACTED]	
Age		
Where did you hear about this consultation e.g. radio, newspaper, word of mouth, drop-in sessions.		

Part B - Commenting on the Stratford Road Gypsy and Traveller Preferred Site

The policy in the Draft Local Plan will list the criteria by which Gypsy and Traveller sites will be judged for suitability and sustainability. These are the criteria:

- a) the site is within reasonable distance of schools, GP surgeries, dentists, hospitals, shops and community facilities;
- b) the site has good access to the major road network;
- c) the site is of a suitable size to accommodate between 5 and 15 pitches for permanent sites or 12 pitches for transit sites;
- d) it can be demonstrated that infrastructure requirements can be adequately met; and
- e) there is potential for the site to be adequately screened.

What is the nature of your representation? Support Object Comment

Please set out full details of your objection or representation of support with reference to the criteria above.

I object to the Gypsy and Traveller site being built on Stratford Road for the following reasons with reference to the criteria above:

- a) Reasonable distance from services: - Whilst there are services nearby, it is not clear whether they are able to sustain the increase in population due to the proposed Gypsy and Traveller site. In the councils own Sustainability Assessment this section is graded as '?' and states that the effect on the economy is uncertain at this stage. This is not an acceptable assessment of the effect that the Gypsy and Traveller site will have on the local services. There are currently limited services in the local area and it is unclear whether they will be able to support the potential increase in population, for example it is likely that there will not be enough places at local schools to support the increase in children which will have a detrimental effect on the children that already live in the local area, forcing the Gypsy and Traveller children and/or other local children to travel further afield. As a local resident I have also found it very difficult to access a local dentist under the NHS and therefore it is likely that new residents will also find this an issue. It is also likely that due to the negative perception of Gypsies and Travellers this will have a negative impact on the local community as a whole, for example decreasing the demand for the already largely undeveloped Tournament Fields Business Park.
- b) Good access to local road networks:- It is clear that the site is near to the A46/M40 junction, however the exact details of the access to the plot inadequately addressed, and states that 'advice expected soon'. Again, this is unacceptable to plan a site and hold a consultation without the necessary information. The current narrow farm track to the land is currently inadequate and would not provide access for emergency vehicles as outlined in the government guidelines regarding Gypsy Traveller sites. Access to the site from Longbridge would also place the main entrance of the site next to a Grade II listed building which is located on a dangerous bend with poor visibility to motorists putting the public at increased risk of serious road traffic accidents.
- c) Suitable size – The site is of suitable size, however with size of plot comes increased residents to the local area, with an unknown impact on the local economy (See points in a) and also an uncertainty with regards to whether the access is acceptable (See points in b) and whether the infrastructure requirements can be met (see points in d). All of this is unclear and unacceptable with regards to a plan.
- d) Infrastructure requirements can be met: - The councils own assessment states that air, soil and water quality are of significant concern and the development of a Gypsy and Traveller site could have a potential negative effect. Although it claims this can be 'mitigated' there is little further detail with regards to this. A site close to a sewage works and a busy motorway network will require a significant cost to rectify these aspects to ensure safety of the Gypsy and Traveller community residing in the area to ensure their safety. There is also a flood risk associated with the site and according to the government guidelines, sites should not be built where there is probability that flooding will occur. Whilst 'mitigation work' has been alluded to, there is no

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e) I am unaware of any information as to how the site will be adequately screened. The Stratford Road site is the main entrance road into Warwick from the motorway and a high amount of tourists travel up the road. Even with a screen, I believe that the Gypsy and Traveller site will still be visible to the people visiting Warwick and will have a negative impact on the impression of the beautiful medieval town and ultimately on the popularity of it.

There is therefore reason to object to the Gypsy and Traveller site being built on the Stratford Road site in Warwick for all of the criteria points that have been noted above. There is also not enough information or thought gone into the details of the plan. It is imperative that it does not go ahead.

Guidance on Making Representations

- Please use this response form as it will help the Council to keep accurate and consistent records of all the comments, alternatively complete online at www.warwickdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan
- You may withdraw your objection at any time by writing to Warwick District Council, address below
- It is important that you include your name and address as anonymous forms cannot be accepted. If your address details change, please inform us in writing
- All forms should be received by **4.45pm on Friday 12 December 2014**
- Copies of all the objections and supporting representations will be made available for others to see at the Council's offices at Riverside House and online via the Council's e-consultation system. Please note that all comments are in the public domain and the Council cannot accept confidential objections. The information will be held on a database and used to assist with the preparation of the new plan for Gypsy and Traveller sites and with consideration of planning applications in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998
- To return this form, please drop off at one of the locations below, or post to: **Development Policy Manager, Development Services, Warwick District Council, Riverside House, Milverton Hill, Leamington Spa, CV32 5QH** or [email: newlocalplan@warwickdc.gov.uk](mailto:newlocalplan@warwickdc.gov.uk)

Where to see copies of the Stratford Road Gypsy and Traveller Preferred Options Site

Copies are available for inspection on the Council's web site at www.warwickdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan and at the following locations:

Location	Opening Times
Warwick District Council Offices Riverside House, Milverton Hill, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon – 8.45am – 5.15pm Thurs Fri 8.45am – 4.45pm
Leamington Town Hall Parade, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon – 8.45am – 5.15pm Thurs Fri 8.45am – 4.45pm
Warwickshire Direct Whitnash Whitnash Library, Franklin Road, Whitnash	Mon – Tues 10.30am – 5.00pm Wed 1.30pm – 5.00pm Thurs Closed Fri 10.30am – 4.00pm Sat 10.30am – 1.30pm
Leamington Spa Library The Pump Rooms, Parade, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon – Weds 9.30am – 6.00pm Thurs 10.00am – 7.00pm Fri 9.30am – 6.00pm Sat 9.30am – 4.30pm Sun 12.00pm – 4.00pm
Warwickshire Direct Warwick Shire Hall, Market Square, Warwick	Mon – Thurs 8.00am – 5.30pm Fri 8.00am – 5.00pm Sat 9.00am – 4.00pm
Warwickshire Direct Kenilworth Kenilworth Library, Smalley Place, Kenilworth	Mon – 9.00am – 5.30pm Tues Wed 10.30am – 5.30pm Thurs – 9.00am – 5.30pm Fri Sat 9.00am – 1.00pm
Warwickshire Direct Lillington Lillington Library, Valley Road, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon 9.30am – 12.30pm & 1.30pm – 6.00pm Tues and 9.30am – 12.30pm & 1.30pm – 5.30pm Fri Weds Closed Thurs 9.30am – 12.30pm & 1.30pm – 7.00pm Sat 9.30am – 12.30pm
Brunswick Healthy Living Centre 98-100 Shrubland Street, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon – Fri 9.00am – 5.00pm

Where possible, information can be made available in other formats, including large print, CD and other languages if required. To obtain one of these alternatives, please contact 01926 410410.